

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 1:12-CR-257-03

v.

HON. ROBERT HOLMES BELL

THOMAS VERBURG,

Defendant.

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Defendant Thomas Verburg has filed a motion for modification or reduction of sentence (ECF No. 727) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(2) on the basis of Amendment 782 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines, made retroactive by the Sentencing Commission.

Section 3582(c)(2) permits a court to reduce the term of imprisonment of a defendant who has been sentenced based on a sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered by the Sentencing Commission. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2). Amendment 782 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines reduced by two levels the offense levels assigned to the quantities that trigger the statutory mandatory minimum penalties in U.S.S.G. §§ 2D1.1 and 2D1.11. These modifications were made retroactive effective November 1, 2014. U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10.

The Probation Department filed a sentence modification report on April 8, 2015 (ECF No. 770). In its report, the probation department recommended the defendant is eligible for reduction in sentence based on defendant currently being an inmate, USSG § 2D1.1 was used in the guideline calculations, and the guideline range applicable to the defendant subsequently has been lowered as

a result of the retroactive amendment to the Sentencing Guidelines (782). A reduction of sentence is consistent with the policy statements of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

The parties have filed a stipulation on reduction of sentence (ECF No. 773), requesting the Court amend the defendant's judgment, to time served effective November 1, 2015, with the remaining provision of the August 30, 2013, judgment being re-incorporated therein.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation on reduction of sentence (ECF No. 773) is GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART. The motion is granted as to a sentence reduction and denied as to time served. The Court will leave it to the discretion of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to determine Defendant's release date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's motion for modification of sentence (ECF No. 727) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) is GRANTED. Defendant Thomas Verburg's sentence shall be reduced to 29 months imprisonment, effective November 1, 2015. An order effectuating the sentence reduction shall issue forthwith.

Dated: May 1, 2015

/s/ Robert Holmes Bell
ROBERT HOLMES BELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE